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The Spoils Of Battle

EPISODE 10

KANK
UUUGH
KANK
SHNK

UGH!
BLARGH

THAT'S TWO DOWN!!
WHERE ARE THE REST?

AS LONG AS I HAVE ALDO NOVA'S MAGIC WALL AROUND ME...
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR ARROWS!!
PWNT

GLARE
FFP

TOK
TTOO

BLINK

THIS IS NOT MY TIME TO DIE. PLEASE GO AWAY.
FWWP
WHAT'S GOING ON? IS THE ENEMY NEARBY!?
UGH
SNAP
YOUR SPIRIT IS WEAKENING. YOU'RE NOT INVISIBLE ANYMORE.
WHAT'S WRONG? CAN'T CONCENTRATE ON YOUR TRICKS?

GRRR
YAAH

FWOO
AAA
AAA
GH
SHIP
WHY DON'T YOU JUST GIVE IT UP??

CLINK
VICTORY!!
EVERYTHING IS FINALLY SETTLED.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
YOU FOOL ...
I DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER.
HEY, YOU ...
...STOP RECITING THAT CHANT!!
SHINK

?!!
ARE YOU OK, SPARK!?
HEH
HEH
HEH
DID HE KILL HIM-SELF?
IT LOOKS THAT WAY...
SHOOOO...

DAMN...
THIS ONE DOESN'T HAVE IT EITHER.
NEITHER DOES THIS ONE.
WHAT COULD THIS MEAN?
WELL, THERE WERE FIVE OF THEM...
...AND NONE OF THESE FOUR HAVE IT, SO THE ONE THAT'S LEFT MUST HAVE IT...
THEN WE'D BETTER GO AFTER HIM NOW.
SHHH!! WAIT!!
CRICK
SPARK!!
I HEAR LIEF.

WHERE COULD THEY BE AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
HUH? ... ...
SOME-THING'S WRONG.
HURRY!
HURRY!!
TAK
TAK
COME, QUICK!!
IT'S LAINA... AND GALLAC!!

HEY ... WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU GUYS.
TAKE CARE OF LAINA...
I KNOW. JUST STAY QUIET!!
YAK
HEY... DON'T TELL ME IT'S TOO LATE.. SHE'S OK, AIN'T SHE?

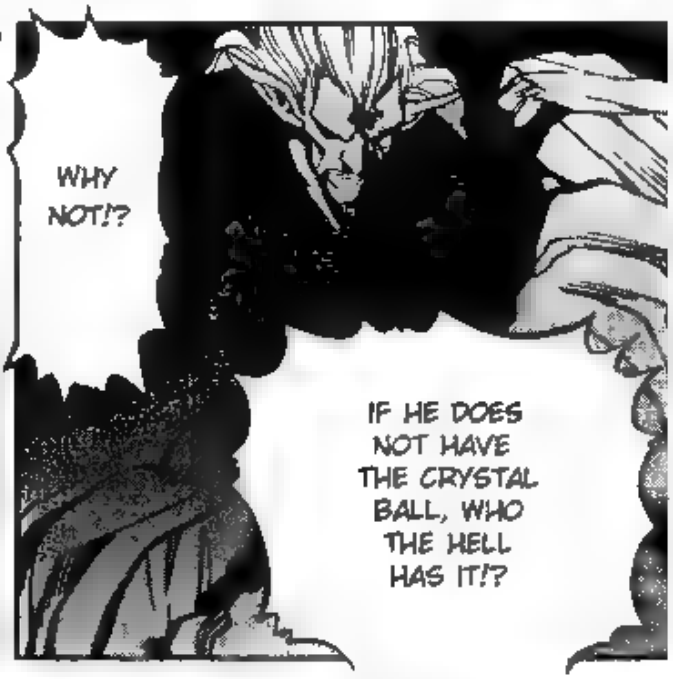
RELAX. I'M DOING WHAT I CAN.
SLUMP
HEH HEH... THANKS ...
THUD
I'M COUNT-IN' ON YA...
GALLAC!!
FLAT-LINE
HE'S FINE. HIS WOUND ISN'T FATAL!!
IT'S LAINA I'M WORRIED ABOUT... THIS WOUND IS DEEP AND SHE'S LOST A LOT OF BLOOD.
I MAY NOT HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO REVIVE HER.

PARDON ME FOR INTRUDING,
BUT MAY I TRY?
... ...
YES... I WAS HOPING YOU WOULD.
BEING THE GRAND-DAUGHTER OF THE HERO NEECE...
...SHE MAY BE ABLE TO PERFORM A MIRACLE...

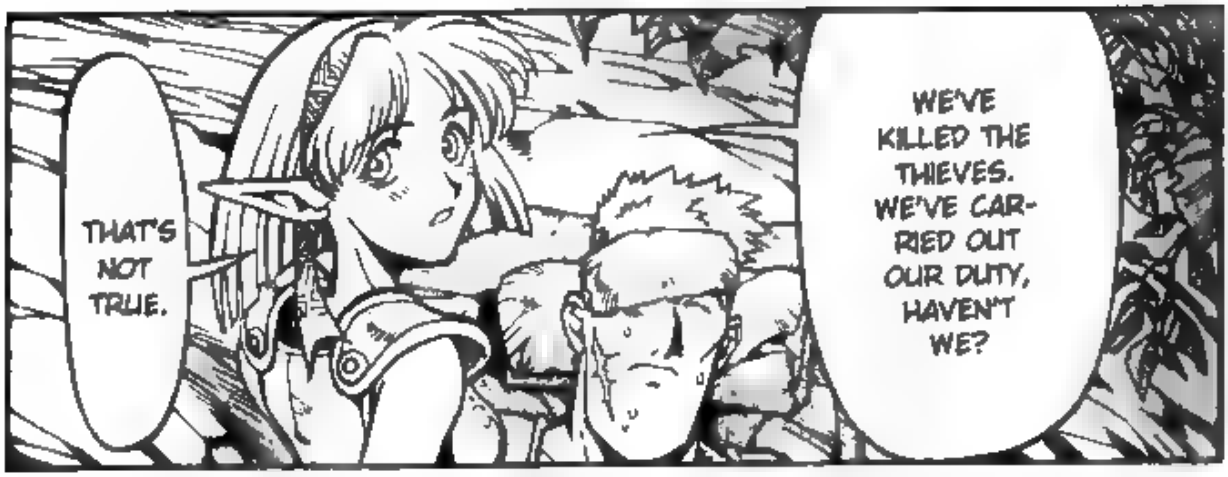
...
...
SPARK

HAVE YOU FOUND IT?

NOT YET...


WHY NOT!?
IF HE DOES NOT HAVE THE CRYSTAL BALL, WHO THE HELL HAS IT!?

EVEN THOUGH WE SLAYED THE THIEVES,
IF WE DON'T GET THE TREASURE BACK, IT WILL ALL BE MEANING-LESS!!


WE'VE KILLED THE THIEVES. WE'VE CARRIED OUT OUR DUTY, HAVEN'T WE?
THAT'S NOT TRUE.

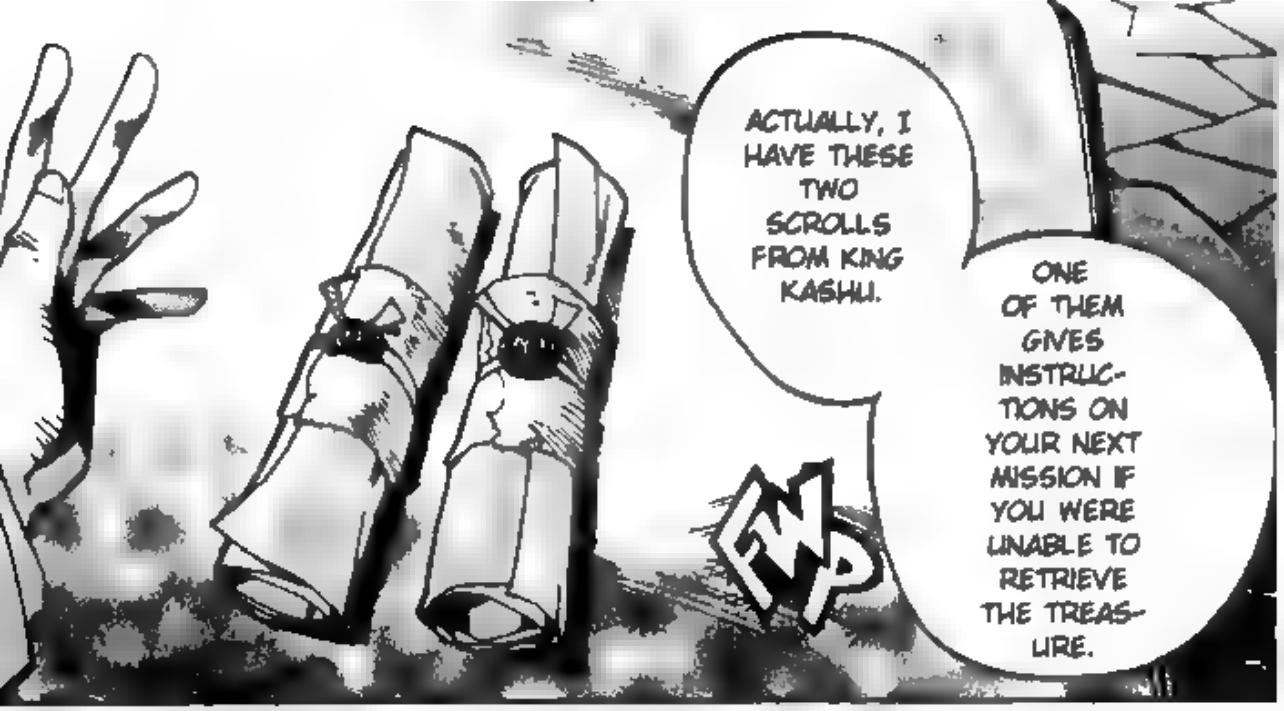
ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS WAIT FOR HER TO RETURN TO CONSCIOUSNESS.
I'VE DONE EVERYTHING I CAN FOR HER.

ALL I WANT TO DO IS RETRIEVE THE STOLEN TREASURE ...
BUT WITHOUT ANY INFORMATION, WE CAN'T MAKE A MOVE.

... ...

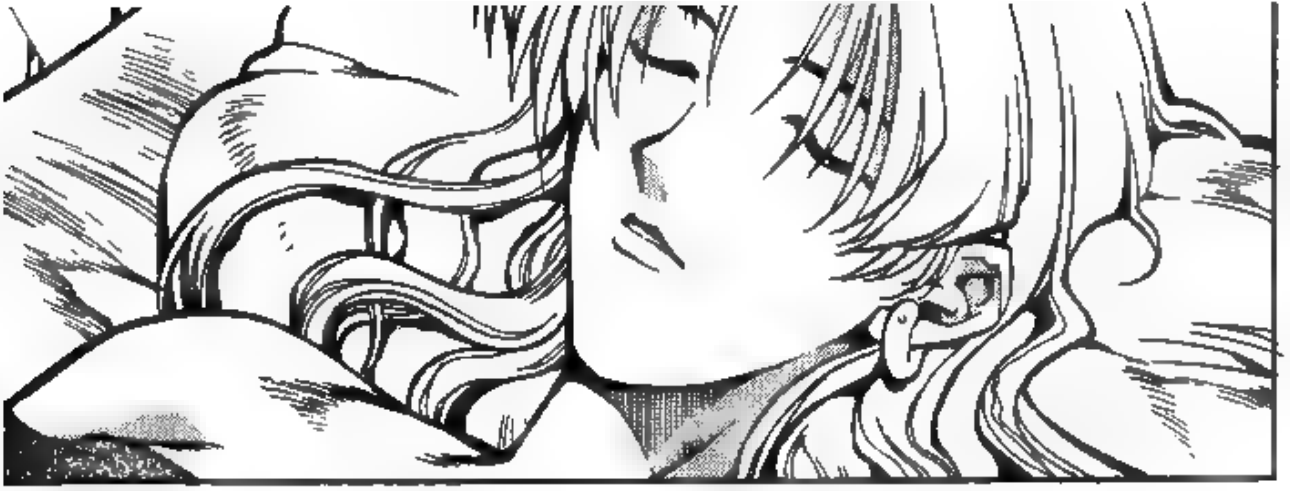
TO
I'VE GOT IT!!
LET'S GO BACK TO HILT AND WORK OUT A STRATEGY!!

CHILT
VALIS
GOOD WORK, SPARK.
YOU'VE CONQUERED THE THIEVES AND RETURNED UNHARMED. KING KASHU WILL BE PLEASED!
BUT WE HAVE NOT YET RETRIEVED THE TREASURE, SO WE ARE STILL...
NO! THOUGH YOU HAVE FAILED TO RETURN THE TREASURE,
YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED A NEW MISSION.
WHAT?


ACTUALLY, I HAVE THESE TWO SCROLLS FROM KING KASHU.
ONE OF THEM GIVES INSTRUC-TIONS ON YOUR NEXT MISSION IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO RETRIEVE THE TREAS-URE.
FWP

FWD
I WILL READ IT NOW, SPARK.

Mt. Duna
INN
YOU'D BETTER GET SOME REST!!
I'M FINE.
I WONDER IF LAINA IS CON-SCIOUS YET.



LAINA...
ZZZZ

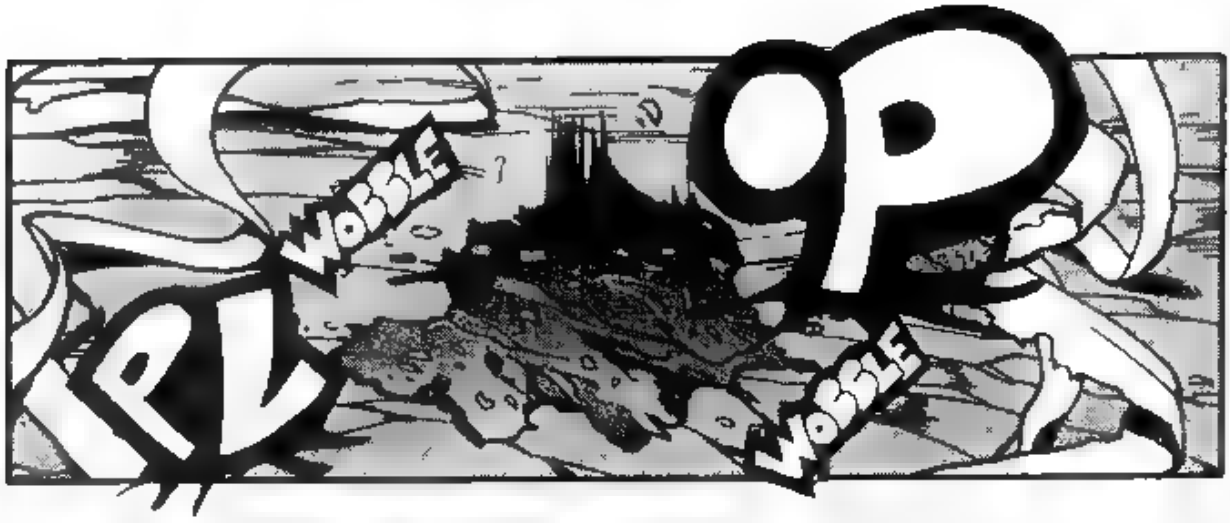
HEH...GALLAC THE BLUE SHOOTING STAR HAS FALLEN IN LOVE WITH A WOMAN.
SHUT UP! OR I'LL RIP YOUR TONGUE OUT.

NEECE, WAIT.
CLACK
CLACK
PLEASE RE-CONSIDER.

AS LONG AS THE CRYSTAL BALL OF SPIRIT IS MISSING, I MUST PREVENT THE SORCERER VAGNADO FROM CARRYING OUT THIS ATROCITY...
I MUST GO...
...TO THE SACRED KINGDOM OF VALIS!
North Fortress at the Northern Border of Valis
VALIS
HALT!!
CLANK
BEYOND THIS POINT IS VALIS TERRITORY!! YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PASS WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION.

HMPH.
THIS PASS-PORT IS VALID...WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU MERCHANTS FROM FLAIM HAVE IN VALIS DURING A WAR?
HEH HEH HEH
WE'RE DOING BUSINESS.
HUH?
HEY YOU!! THE LITTLE ONE OVER THERE!!
THIS IS MY LITTLE BROTHER. THERE'S NOTHING TO BE SUSPICIOUS ABOUT...
HEH HEH HEH
I'M NOT ASKING YOU. YOUNG MAN, HOW OLD ARE YOU?
WHY ARE YOU BAND-AGED?
...
...

I'M FOUR-TEEN.
MY NAME IS JIBA.
I WAS BURNED IN THE WAR. YOU WANNA SEE MY FACE?
EEK
UGH
MY BODY IS WORSE.
TH...THAT'S ENOUGH. JUST...GO AHEAD!!


WOBBLE
WOBBLE

THAT RAT SKIN WORKED PRETTY GOOD,
JIBA.
RIP

FFP
TAKE THIS TO MARMO ON THE SHIP LEAVING FROM THE PORT OF VALIS.
MAKE SURE THEY DON'T FIND OUT YOU'RE MARMO SOLDIERS.

YES, SIR.
THIS CRYSTAL BALL MUST BE DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO THE HANDS OF VAGNADO.

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO, JIBA?
I'VE GOT A LITTLE BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF HERE IN VALIS.
APPRENTICE KNIGHT SPARK'S MISSION:
TO DELIVER THE SECOND SCROLL TO KING ETOH OF VALIS IMMEDIATELY.
LISTEN CAREFULLY THIS IS KING KASHU'S DECREE
YES, SIR.
HMP!

A MESSAGE FOR VALIS? WHAT ABOUT THE STOLEN TREASURE...
THIS IS A DIRECT ORDER FROM KING KASHU, SPARK!!
...
APPRENTICE KNIGHT, SPARK...
THUK
DEPARTING FOR VALIS IMMEDIATELY!!

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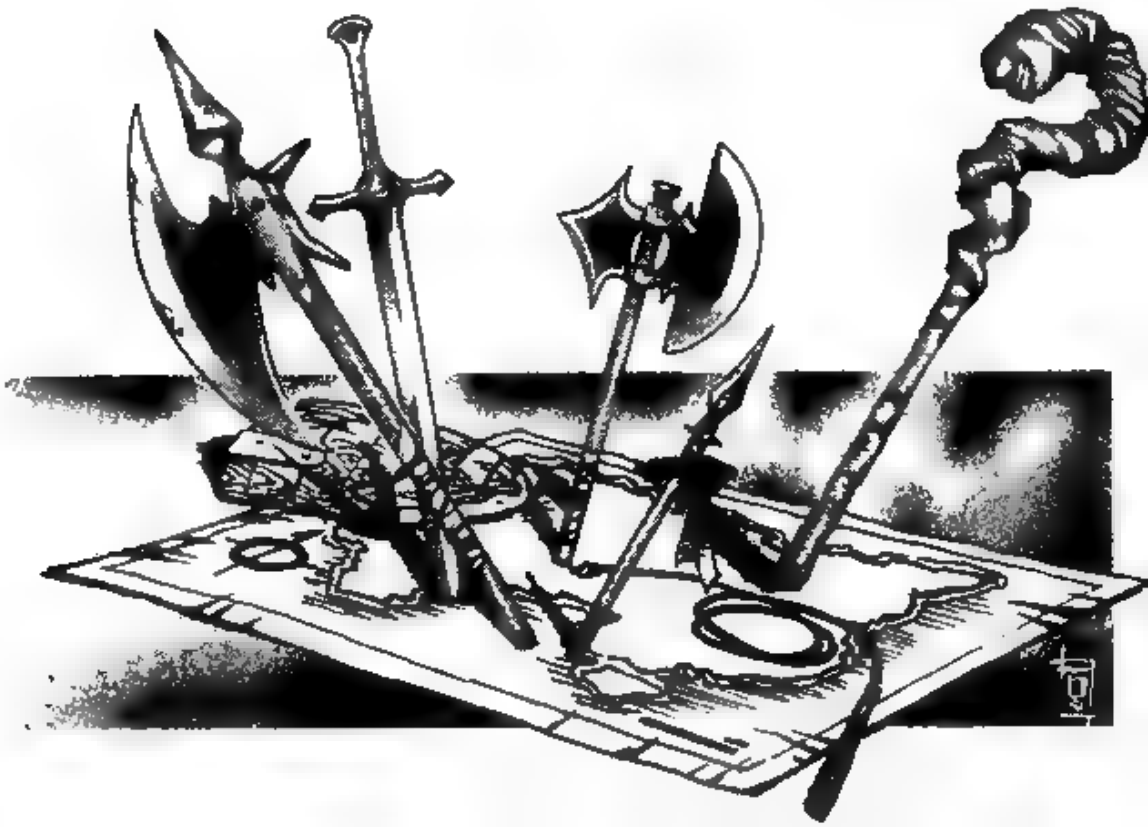

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WHAT IS THIS PLACE!?
IT'S SO COLD...

The One Standing in the Way

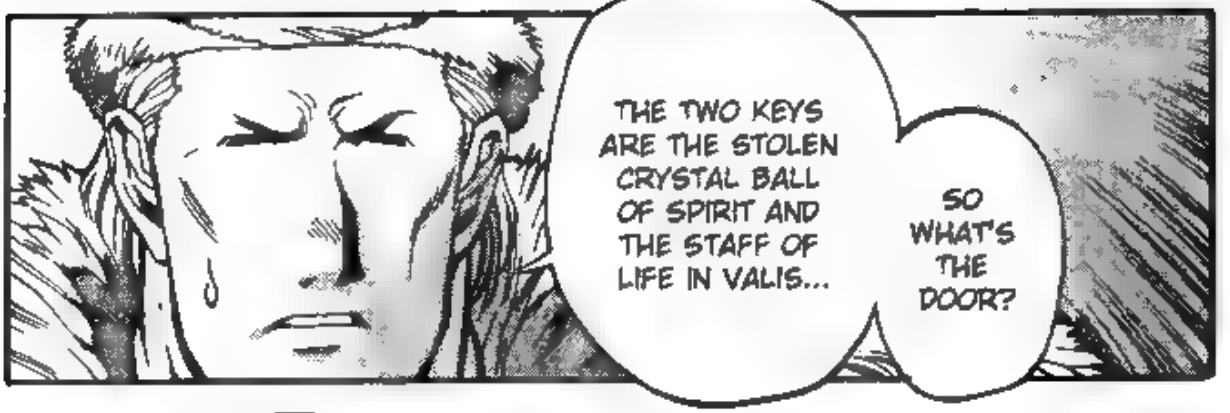
EPISODE 11

COME TO ME...
MY SACRIFICE...
NO...
NO!!

THAT'S WHERE MY NIGHTMARE ALWAYS ENDS, AND I WAKE UP.

COULD THE OLD MAN BE...?
YES... VAGNADO, THE BLACK SORCERER WHO INTENDS TO RESURRECT THE GODDESS OF DESTRUCTION.

BU...BUT WHAT DID HE MEAN BY 'SACRIFICE?'
DIDN'T MY FATHER, SLAYN, EXPLAIN IT TO YOU?
THE GODDESS OF DESTRUCTION WILL BE RESURRECTED THROUGH ONE DOOR WITH TWO KEYS.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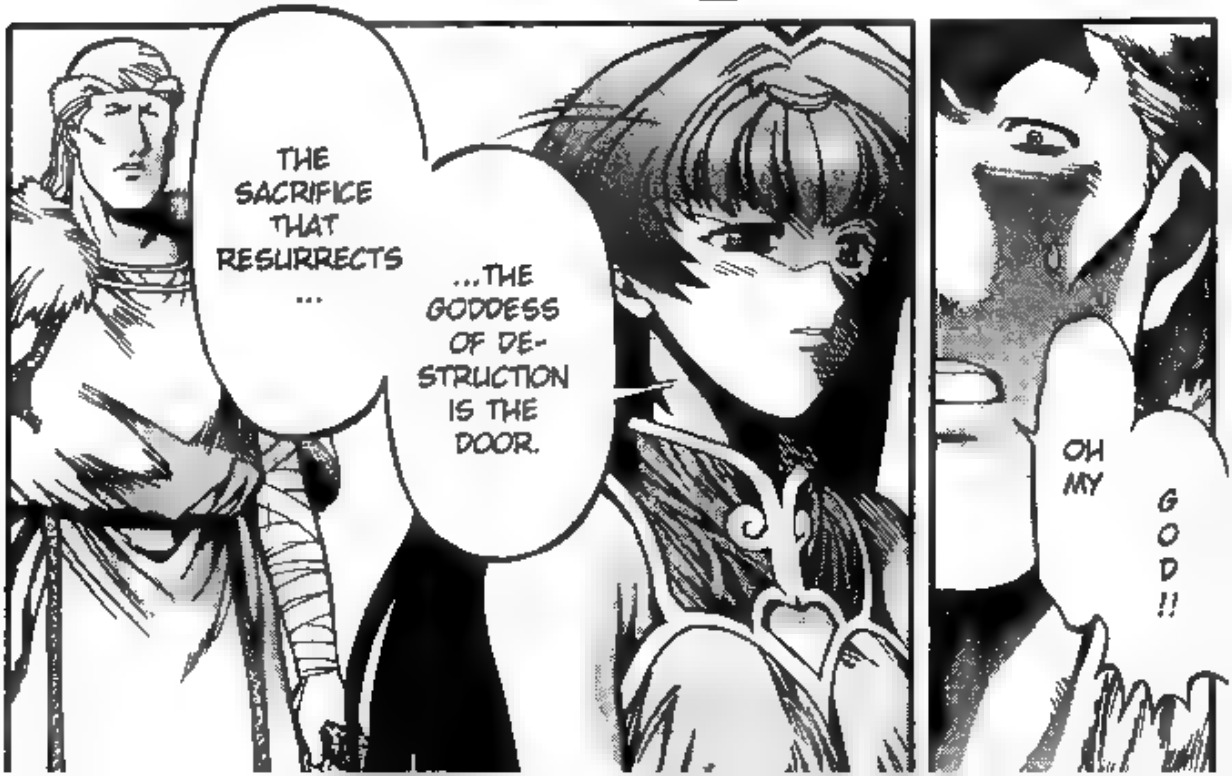
SO WHAT'S THE DOOR?


THE SACRIFICE THAT RESURRECTS ...
...THE GODDESS OF DE-STRUCTION IS THE DOOR.
OH MY GOD!!

TWO KEYS AND ONE DOOR SHALL RESURRECT KARDIS, THE GODDESS OF DESTRUCTION.

SLAM!
NEECE!!
THAT IS NO ORDINARY NIGHTMARE!! THE EVIL SORCERER IS SUMMONING YOU!!
IT'S NOT TOO LATE, IF WE LEAVE NOW!! WE MUST GET YOU BACK TO MARFA'S SANCTUARY!!
SNIFF
PUT ON EVERY TALISMAN YOU HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE PRIESTS TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM HIS EVIL SPELL.
PLEASE... PLEASE DO AS I SAY...

SLIP
THANK YOU, ALDO...
BUT IF I TRY TO ESCAPE HIM, I'LL BE SWALLOWED IN DARKNESS.

I HAVE COME HERE TO FIGHT AGAINST THIS CURSED DESTINY.

GOD ALWAYS PROTECTS ME WHEREVER I GO.
I KNOW YOU ARE TRYING TO PROTECT ME, BUT YOU MUST TRUST THAT I AM BEING GUIDED BY GOD.

SINCE ONE OF THE KEYS, THE CRYSTAL BALL OF SPIRIT, WAS STOLEN...
ALL I CAN DO IS DEFEND THE STAFF OF LIFE IN VALIS.
SO WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT?
COME WITH ME!!
I GOT IT!!
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
I'VE MADE A DECISION!!

ISN'T LAINA CONSCIOUS YET?
HOW WAS THE MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR? WHAT DID HE SAY?
NEECE'S TREATMENT WAS PERFECT.
IT ALL DEPENDS ON LAINA'S WILLPOWER NOW.

ACTUALLY, IT WAS...
BTK
ALDO, YOU'RE LATE. I WAS ABOUT TO TELL EVERYONE SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT.
I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO SAY, TOO!!
I KNOW THIS IS SUDDEN, BUT I NEED YOUR PERMISSION TO SEPARATE FROM THE REST OF YOU!!
?!
WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?
WELL... THAT'S ACTUALLY WHAT I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT.
JUST LISTEN...

WE HAVE BEEN DISMISSED FROM THE MISSION TO RETRIEVE THE STOLEN TREASURE.
KING KASHU HAS ORDERED ME TO DELIVER A SCROLL TO VALIS.

EVEN THOUGH WE'RE AT WAR, ALL HE WANTS ME TO DO IS DELIVER THIS MESSAGE.
I WON'T NEED ANY PRIESTS OR SORCERERS.

ALL I NEED ARE GALLAC AND LIEF WITH ME TO DELIVER THIS SCROLL TO VALIS.

ALDO AND FATHER GREEVAS, DO YOUR BEST TO SERVE THE KING OF FLAIM.

ARE YOU GOING TO VALIS?

YES. THIS SCROLL IS FOR KING ETOH OF VALIS.

FORGET WHAT I JUST SAID! I'M GOING TO VALIS WITH YOU!!
WHOA!
AHH!! THERE REALLY IS SUCH A THING AS DIVINE PROVIDENCE!!
HUH?
BY THE WAY, NEECE IS ON HER WAY TO VALIS, TOO!!
I WANT HER TO COME WITH US!!
EH?
UHH... WELL... IF IT'S OK WITH HER...
IT'S OK, ISN'T IT, NEECE!?
Uhhh...
UHH... YES.

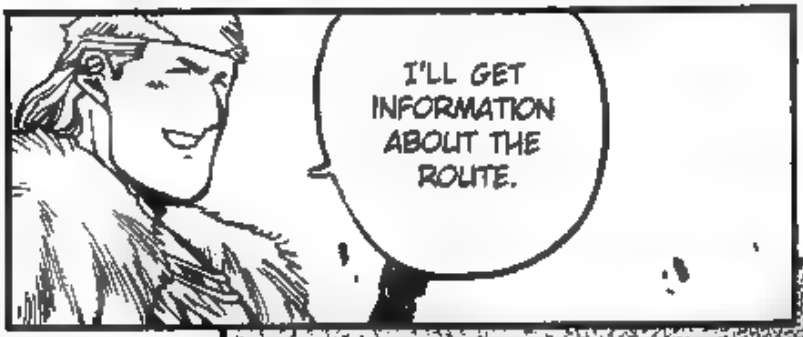
WHAT WILL YOU DO, FATHER?
I'M HERE BECAUSE I CARE ABOUT YOU.
I'LL GO ANYWHERE YOU GO.
DON'T YOU TAKE OFF AND LEAVE ME HERE.
LAINA!!
YOU'LL TAKE ME WITH YOU, WON'T YOU, SPARK?
I'M ALL BET-TER.
HP

GOSH, YOU GUYS...

I WANNA LEAVE FOR VALIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!
WE'D BETTER START PREPARING FOR THE TRIP!!

WE'LL GATHER ALL THE PRO-VISIONS!!

SHP
I'LL GET ALL THE WEAPONS SHARPENED AT THE BLACKSMITH'S.


I'LL GET INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROUTE.

SIGHHH
...

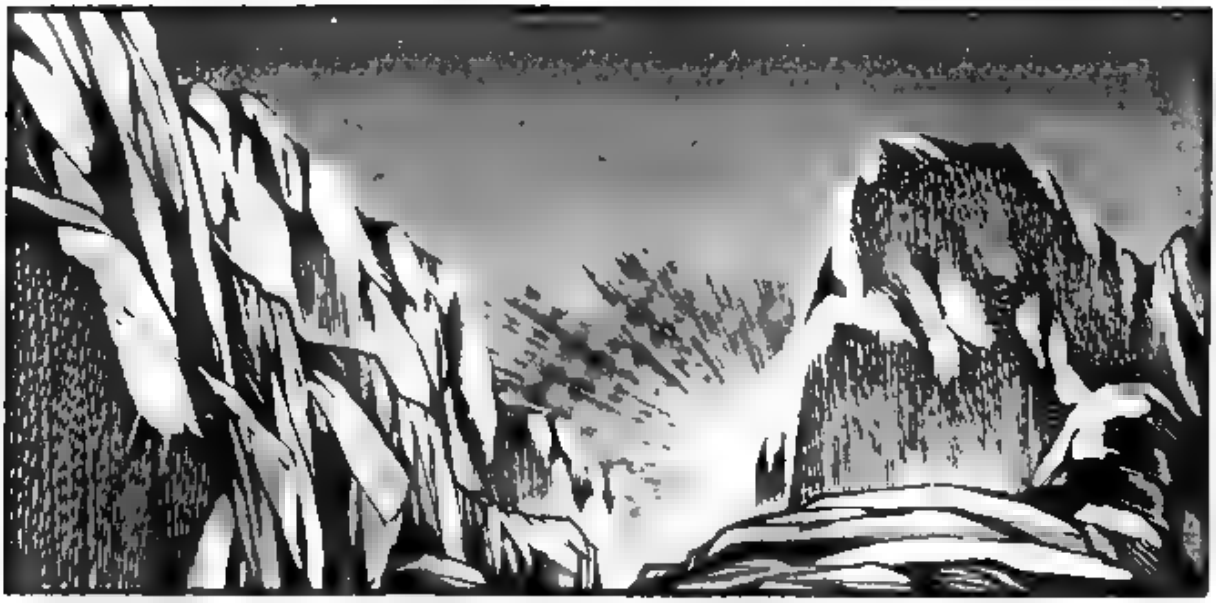
PHEW
OPEN THE GATE!!
VOLG

RHUMP
I'M READY TO ACCEPT WHATEVER THE FUTURE HOLDS.
BUT FOR NOW, LET'S KEEP MOVING FORWARD!!
OUR DES-TINATION IS VALIS!!

PLINK
PLINK
TELL THE SOLDIERS TO GET SOME REST. TOMORROW'S BATTLE COULD BE MUCH MORE CHALLENGING.
YES, SIRE.
YOU MUST REST AS WELL, YOUR MAJESTY.
I'M FINE! JUST WASH THIS BLOOD OFF ME...
WHUMP

YOUR MAJ-ESTY!!
!!!
CREAK
HMM...
SO HE'S LEFT FOR VALIS...
THIS IS CLEANSING WATER, YOUR HIGHNESS.
AHH... SPARK, WILL YOU BE ABLE TO FIND YOUR WAY?

TRUST YOUR EYES. AS A KNIGHT YOU MUST HAVE THE ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE CURRENT OF THE TIMES.
FIND YOUR WAY, SPARK, AND KEEP MOVING AHEAD.



TAK
I SEE IT, BOSS!!
ME, TOO.

VALIS
Road
BOOZUG
KAPOW
I'M HERE JIRA.
I'VE BEEN WAITING THREE DAYS FOR YOU. IS EVERYTHING READY?

THE SHIP IS DISGUISED AS A MERCHANT VESSEL AND IS ANCHORED IN THE HARBOR.
WE CAN LEAVE FOR MARMO ANY TIME.
GREAT.
THIS CALLS FOR A CELEBRATION.
LET'S TURN THIS TOWN INTO A BANQUET OF FLAMES.

BOINK
?
WHAT'S WRONG?
FFFWT
LET'S GO LET'S GO

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The Dark Elf's Name is Jiba

I BEG YOUR FORGIVENESS FOR NOT HAVING RECOGNIZED YOU AS MESSENGERS FROM FLAIM.
SECURITY IS SO TIGHT HERE, EVEN FOR WARTIME.
IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP RESIDENTS OF MARMO OUT OF ROID.
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. DARK ELVES ARE EASY TO SPOT, BUT...
...WITH HUMANS IT'S HARD TO TELL IF THEY'RE FROM MARMO OR NOT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER.
LET'S KEEP MOVING.

CAW
CAW
CAW
CAW
THIS KINGDOM IS SO GREEN AND BEAUTIFUL ...
TO SOMEONE LIKE ME WHO GREW UP IN THE DESERT, THIS IS PARADISE

LOOK!
LOOK!!
A
GIANT
CASTLE!!

THAT'S THE SACRED PALACE OF THE PRIEST, KING ETOH...

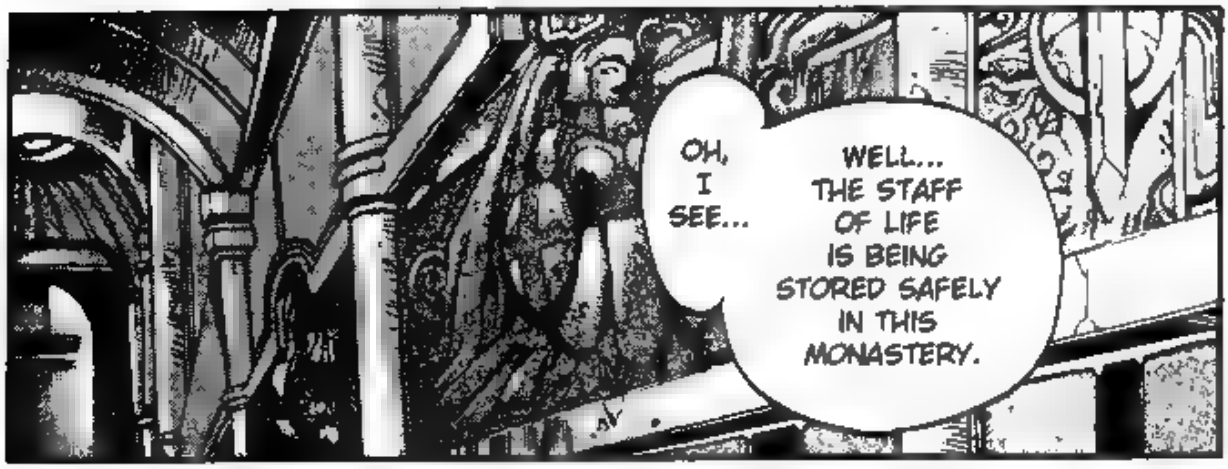
YOU MESSENGERS FROM FLAIM, WAIT HERE UNTIL THE KING IS READY TO SEE YOU.
ONCE WE HAND THE SCROLL OVER TO THE KING, OUR MISSION WILL BE FINISHED.
THAT'S RIGHT.
PHEW WE'VE ... COMPLETED THE TRIP WITHOUT INCIDENT.
SO WHAT WAS IT YOU WERE SAYING BEFORE, GALLAC?
ABOUT HUMANS FROM MARMO...
OH YEAH...
WELL...

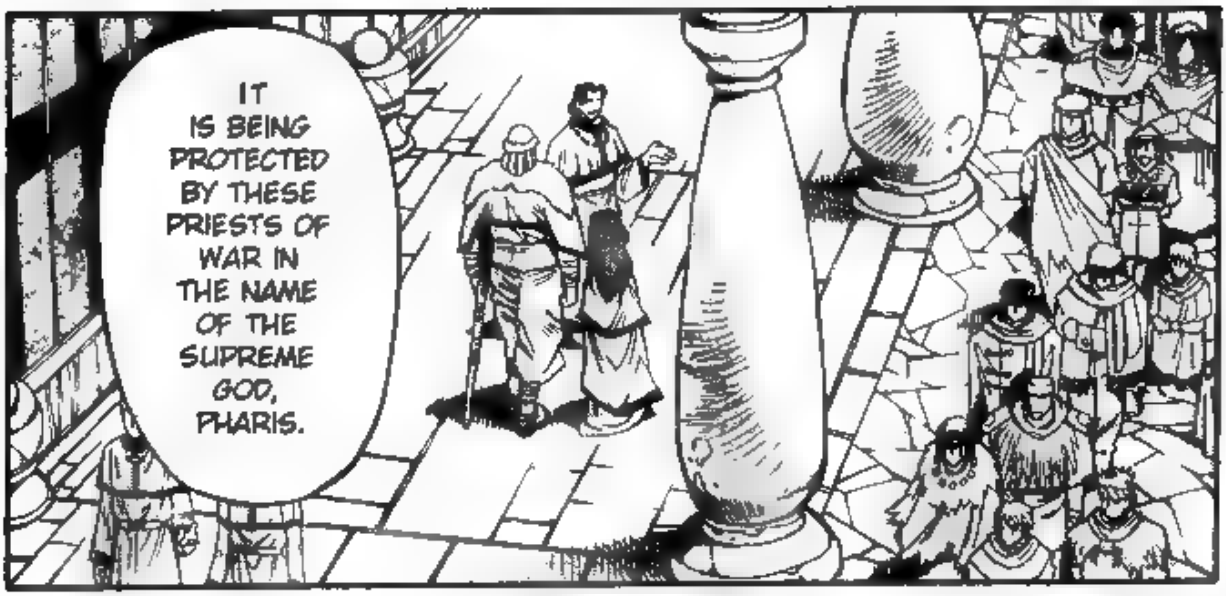
THIS IS REALLY AFTER THE FACT, BUT...
IT'S ABOUT THE STOLEN CRYSTAL BALL OF SPIRIT.
THE THIEVES WERE PROBABLY NOT CARRYING THE STOLEN TREASURE AT ALL. RIGHT AFTER THEY STOLE IT, THEY MUST HAVE HANDED IT OFF TO THEIR PARTNERS AND THEN MADE THAT DRAMATIC ESCAPE.
SO...WHAT HAPPENED TO THE STOLEN TREASURE? ASSUMING IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS TO CROSS THE BATTLEFIELD TO GET TO KANON, THEY HEADED FOR VALIS.
FLAIM
VALIS
ALBANIA
Roid
MOSS
KANON
MARMO
THEY MUST HAVE ASSUMED NO ONE WOULD BE SUSPICIOUS IF HUMANS WERE CARRYING THE GOODS.
THERE'S A BIG PORT IN ROID. THEY COULD HAVE DISGUISED A MARMO SHIP AS A MERCHANT VESSEL, AND SET SAIL FOR MARMO.

IT SEEMS THE THIEVES ARE UP TO THEIR USUAL TRICKS.
YOU KNOW THEM WELL. YOU TALK LIKE YOU COULD BE A THIEF YOURSELF.
BNG
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? THIS IS JUST WHAT I HEARD.
WACK*
WACK
...
...
PLEASE... I DON'T WANT YOU TELLING ANYONE I USED TO BE A THIEF.
OF COURSE NOT. IF THEY FOUND OUT, THEY'D CHOP OFF YOUR HEAD.
I DON'T CARE ABOUT MY HEAD!!
I NEED TO AVENGE MY PARTNER'S DEATH!! WITH THESE HANDS!!

I DIDN'T EVEN GET ONE SINGLE JAB OF MY SWORD AT THOSE ELVES.
I HAD NO CHANCE TO AVENGE RANDY'S DEATH.
WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?
...
...
HUH?
WHERE DID ALDO NOVA GO? AND WHERE'S NEECE?

THE STAFF OF LIFE IS IN THE PHARIS MONASTERY, ISN'T IT?
EVERYONE STILL SEEMS FINE HERE.
MY GOOD-NESS...
I WAS NOT EXPECTING A HIGH MARFA PRIESTESS TO SHOW UP HERE.


OH, I SEE...
WELL... THE STAFF OF LIFE IS BEING STORED SAFELY IN THIS MONASTERY.


IT IS BEING PROTECTED BY THESE PRIESTS OF WAR IN THE NAME OF THE SUPREME GOD, PHARIS.

GLARE
BUT WHY DO YOU ASK?

ARE PILGRIMS FREE TO ENTER AND LEAVE THE MONASTERY?
YES, OF COURSE.
EH?
NEECE, WHAT'S WRONG!?
I DON'T KNOW...
BUT I'VE GOT A TERRIBLE PREMONITION.

GOD BLESS YOU...
NEXT...
EEWK!!
ZOWHOA!!

SLASH
YOWWW

WHO'S THAT?
A DARK ELF!
TWP
TWP
HMPH! SECURITY AIN'T SO TIGHT HERE!!
TMP

FK FK
AK
HALT!!
YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PASS WITHOUT AUTHOR-IZATION.
?!
A DARK ELF!?

HOLY PHARIS, GOD SUPREME... GRANT US THE POWER AND AMBITION... TO ADMINISTER DULY...
FFP
SPURT
AUGH
VVOOSH
...YOUR ADMONITION!!
WHIP
SLASH

THUD
UGH
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT? YOU CAN'T MOVE, CAN YOU, FOOLISH INVADER!?
HUH?
YOU'VE UNDER-ESTIMATED THE PRIESTS OF WAR!!
GRIN

PFT
CLANK
AN INTRUDER HAS PASSED THROUGH THE PILGRIM'S GATE!!
WE PRIESTS OF WAR SHALL NOT LET HIM ENTER THE INNER MONASTERY!!
CLANK
YEAH!!

RHUMP
THERE HE IS!!
CLAK
CLOP
FFW
WOOSH
WH...
WHAT'S THAT?

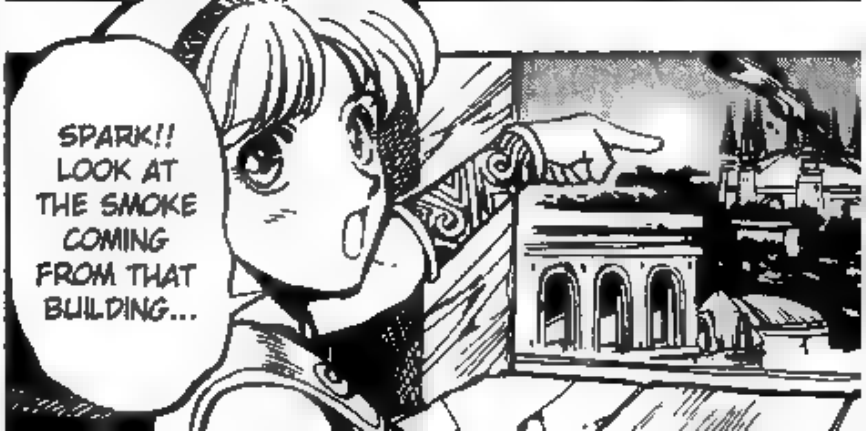
BLUB BLUB
VREE VREE VREE
SKELETON WARRIORS .. KILL EVERYONE IN SIGHT!!
VWW

YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE, NEECE!!
BUT...

WHAT IS THAT FIGURE BEHIND THE DARK ELF?
WHAT ON EARTH COULD IT BE? I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT.

ALL OF YOU PEOPLE FROM FLAIM...
COME THIS WAY FOR YOUR MEETING WITH KING ETOH.

FINALLY ...
HUH?
RUMBLE
RUMBLE


SPARK!! LOOK AT THE SMOKE COMING FROM THAT BUILDING...

WARRIORS FROM MARMO HAVE INVADED THE PHARIS MONASTERY!
AND ONE ... DARK ELF!!
A...
A DARK ELF!?
DARK... ELF!?

HA HA HAHA HA
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
HA HA
GWAHA

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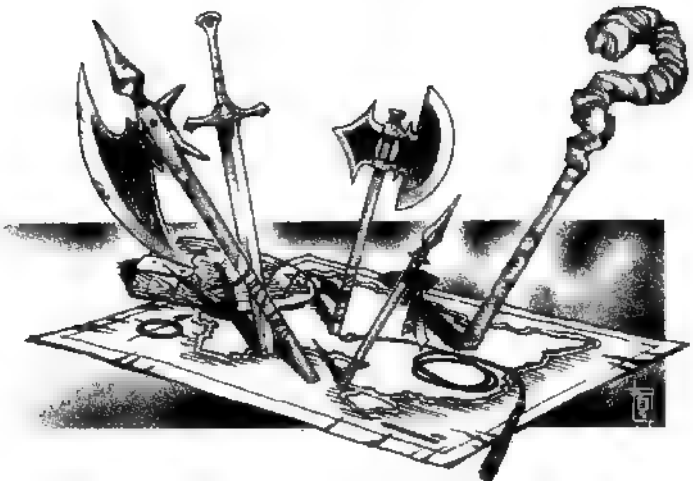
HUH?
UHM...
PARN, WHAT'S WRONG? IS SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?
I'M JUST THINKING ABOUT THAT YOUNG MAN.

WHAT IS IT, YOUR MAJESTY?
NOTHING... I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT SOMEONE.
pshooo
Thud



Melody of Light and Dark

EPISODE 6

ALMIGHTY GOD OF WAR, MYREE,
HEAL THE WOUNDS OF THIS MAN BEFORE THEE.
I DON'T... KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU, FATHER.
THERE'S NO NEED TO SPEAK
PHEW
....
....

ACCORDING TO THE SURVIVING SOLDIER, THE THIEVES HAVEN'T GOTTEN FAR.

?

ARE YOU LISTENING SPARK!?

HUH?

OH, SORRY. I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT SOME-THING.

ABOUT KING KASHU GOING TO WAR IN ALLANIA?

....
....

A SOLDIER'S DUTY IS A SOLDIER'S DUTY JUST AS YOUR DUTY IS YOUR DUTY.
BUT...IF YOU ARE A PRIEST OF WAR YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND, SHOULDN'T YOU!
THE WAR WITH MARMO HAS FINALLY BEGUN!!
DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THE WAR THAT BADLY, SIR SPARK?
PURSUING THE DARK ELVES AND FIGHTING MARMO ARE ULTIMATELY THE SAME THING, AREN'T THEY?

THEY ARE ...
THEY ARE THE SAME THING, BUT...
YOU WANT TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A KNIGHT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, DON'T YOU?
th-
thm
DON'T YOU THINK YOU ARE BEING A LITTLE TOO IMPATIENT?
I GUESS SO.

SHINK
LET'S GO GET THE TREASURE BACK FROM THOSE THIEVES.
FATHER, HAVE YOU TRACKED THEM DOWN, YET?
GALLAC AND THE OTHERS ARE LOOKING FOR THEM NOW.
THEY'VE PROBABLY HEADED SOUTH.

GRRR
WHAT IS IT WITH HIM?!
LEIF.
WHAT HAPPENED? WHY AREN'T YOU WITH GALLAC?
GLARE
WHAT HAPPENED? I'LL TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED. GALLAC CHASED ME BACK HERE!!
HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO TEACH LAINA THE RULES OF A SOLDIER...
I'LL BET HE'S GOT HIS HANDS ALL OVER HER.
?
HUH? ?

TAK
WAIT LAINA.
YOU KNOW WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW?
WHAT?

I DON'T LIKE TO BEAT AROUND THE BUSH, SO I'LL GET RIGHT TO IT.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
....
....YOU DON'T TRUST ME, DO YOU?

YOU'RE A THIEF, RIGHT?
A GUILD THIEF!!
YOU KNEW IT ALL ALONG...
I'VE BEEN A MERCENARY A LONG TIME. I CAN SPOT A THIEF WHEN I SEE ONE.
I'VE EVEN GOT THIEVES FOR FRIENDS.
WELL? WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO WITH ME? I MAY BE A THIEF BUT I HAVEN'T STOLEN ANYTHING, YET.
YOU WANNA CHOP MY HEAD OFF?

I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING.
...
...
I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU. I'M GETTING REVENGE FOR MY PARTNER.
I HAVE NO OTHER MOTIVES.

YOU MEAN YOUR PARTNER IN CRIME?
YES!! YOU MERCENARIES ARE NO BETTER THAN US!
WE'RE ALL OUTSIDERS!! WE EACH HAVE OUR OWN BONDS.
HMPH...
WEE-ELL..
THAT MIGHT BE TRUE, BUT...
WE'D BETTER GET GOING. I WANT TO CATCH THOSE THIEVES WHILE THEY'RE STILL IN FLAIM.
I'LL GO GET GALLAC.
WHERE IS THAT JERK!?
TAK

BOY, WE COULD REALLY MAKE USE OF THOSE HORSES WE LENT TO THE GOVERNOR OF HILT RIGHT NOW...
...
?!!
VSHH
DAMN...
WHAT'S WRONG FATHER?
IT CAN'T BE.

WHAT IS IT? IT'S TOO FAR FOR ME TO SEE.
NOW I'M SURE...
IT'S THEM!!
DA...
DARK ELVES!?

THEY'RE STILL THIS CLOSE!?
NYEE
HEE
HYAHH!
JAB
PLWOOP
DON'T RUSH SPARK!!
THEY'VE PROBABLY ALREADY SEEN US!!
IT WOULD BE BETTER TO WAIT TILL EVERYONE'S HERE.

I'M GONNA TAKE THEM BY SURPRISE.
CLOP CLOP CLOP
EVERYONE FOLLOW ME!!
DWARVES ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE BETTER VISION THAN DARK ELVES
I BET THEY HAVEN'T SEEN US YET!!
I'M GONNA GET YOU BACK!!
WH... WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WE HAVE NO CHOICE... LET'S GO!!

CLOP CLOP CLOP
CLOP CLOP CLOP
CLOP
THE SOONER I GET THIS OVER WITH, THE SOONER I CAN FIGHT UNDER KING KASHU'S COMMAND!!
KOO

WHOOA

RUSTLE
WH...
WHO ARE YOU!?
WHY ARE YOU
IN MY WAY!?
ARE YOU
WITH THEM!?
SHP
YOU
HAD
BETTER
NOT GO
ANY
FURTHER.
THEY
ARE
WAITING
IN AMBUSH
FOR YOU.
AH...

A PRIESTESS!?
WHO... ARE YOU?
WHERE THE HELL DID THEY GO!?
RUSTLE

THERE THEY ARE...
GAL-LAC...
CHILL
THUMP
HUH? IS THAT LEIF?
WHOOP
RUN!! RUN!!
IT'S THEM!!

HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
DARK ELVES!?
EH?
PLOOSH

GRIN
SPLAT

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EPISODE 7
CLAMP
WHO ARE YOU?

HUFF
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
HUFF
HUFF
WHAT'S GOING ON, SPARK!?
RUSTLE
UHH... WELL... UHH...
?!!
NEE... NEECE!?
?!
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WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
DO YOU KNOW HER, ALDO NOVA?
I DON'T... BELIEVE IT...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHO IS SHE, ALDO!?
AH
SHE... SHE IS...
NEECE, A PALACE SORCERESS AND DAUGHTER OF SLAYN.

YOU MEAN.... NEECE..... ONE OF THE SIX HEROES?
MARFA'S HIGH PRIESTESS, NEECE, IS MY GRANDMOTHER.
I WAS NAMED AFTER HER.
RUSTLE RUSTLE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
SHH
GOD HAS LED ME HERE...
TO FOLLOW A DARK DEMON.

DAMN!!
LUNGE
CLANK
GRIN
GRR...
HE DIS-APPEARED AGAIN!!
LAINA!!
PU
TAK

!!!
OH MY GOD! WE HAVE TO GET HER TO THE PRIEST QUICKLY!!
I KNOW!! BUT THAT DARK ELF ISN'T FINISHED YET!!
KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!!
HANG ON LAINA!! PRESS YOUR HAND TO THE WOUND!!
THAT SHOULD STOP THE BLEEDING!!
uuu... OK
GRRR!!!

PSHOO
THEY CAN'T MOVE AS FAST WHEN THEY'RE CASTING A SPELL.
LET'S DASH OUT OF HERE!!
THE OTHERS ARE WAITING FOR US JUST PAST THE WEST WOOD.
LET'S GO!!
TAK

SHOOM
DON'T LOOK BACK, LEIF!!
GRUNT
TAK
YOU MEAN THEY'RE WAITING FOR US?
I...
I THINK THEY MUST BE PLANNING TO GET THE TREASURE BACK TO THEIR LAND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
BUT THEY WON'T HAVE TIME.
WAIT, SPARK.
I CAN'T SEE THEM ANYMORE...
YOU MAY BE RIGHT.

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TOO QUIET...?
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE USING THE DISAPPEARING SPE... WE'RE BOUND TO SPOT THEM OUT HERE ON THESE PLAINS
SO I'M SURE THEY INTEND TO ATTACK US WHILE WE'RE CROSSING.
HMM
THAT MAKES SENSE
I CAN SEE THEIR FOOT-STEPS
WE BETTER BE REAL CAREFUL GETTING OUT OF HERE
.... WHICH MEANS, WE'RE THE ONES BEING FOLLOWED .
DOESN'T IT'?

WOOF
PUOOSH
THEY'RE TRYING TO SMOKE US OUT!!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

OH GREAT MANA... MAGIC'S SOURCE... DISPEL THIS ENEMY'S...
POWERFUL FORCE!!
WHACK
GRHH
WOOM
WE'RE SUR-ROUNDED BY FIRE!!
IT'S NOT WORK-ING.
THERE'S NO WAY OUT! SPARK, WHAT SHOULD WE DO!?

WHOA
WHOA
GET ON!!
OH BLESSED MARFA, GODDESS OF CREATION....
RESCUE US FROM THIS DESPERATE SITUATION....
YANK
WE HAVE NO CHOICE! KEEP MOVING AHEAD!
FLOP

HYAHH!!
GRIN
TINK

SPARK!!
FATHER GREEVAS!!
PSHOOM
TAK
WHAT THE...?
THERE'S NO ONE HERE....

WHERE ARE THEY?
THEY'VE GOTTA BE AROUND HERE
ALDO, LOOK AFTER HER.
SPARK!!!

GRIN
CALM DOWN! HE'S JUST TRYING TO TEMPT US!!
I KNOW.
BUT ALL WE CAN DO IS GO FOR IT!!

TAK
AUGH
OUCH!!
SHP

OH GREAT GOD OF WAR, MYREE.
I BEG YOU TO HEAR OUR HUMBLE PLEA. REMOVE THE ENEMY'S POWER FROM ITS SOURCE...
DELIVER IT TO MY AX THAT I MAY DISPEL...
...ITS BRUTISH FORCE!!
WOOSH
VISH
AYAH!!
PUSH

WOW!!
DID YOU SEE THAT!? DID YOU SEE THEM!?
IT'S NOT THAT I ACTUALLY SAW THEM....
EH?
I CAST A SPELL TO STOP THEM IN THEIR TRACKS....
AND USED MY INTUITION TO DETERMINE WHICH SIDE TO ATTACK FROM.
PINK
PINK
GRRR...

WELL, THAT TAKES CARE OF ONE DARK ELF.
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO NOW BUT WAIT.
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW MANY OF THEM THERE ARE.
GHH.
CLANK
WE SHOULD HAVE GALLAC AND THE OTHERS WITH US.....
...
WHERE ARE YOU, SPARK!?

LEFT!!
SWAP
HUH?
SWIPE
WHUMP
AMPH
THUD
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
GALLAC, IT'S DANGER-OUS.
GUD
DAMN!!
LIEF, GO STAND BY THAT BOUL-DER!!
ARG MIS-SED!!

GLARE
PLEASE LET ME PASS, ALDO NOVA.
DO YOU KNOW WHY I HAVE COME HERE?
ST... STOP.
WHY ARE YOU PUTTING YOURSELF IN SUCH DANGER?
THE REVIVAL OF EVIL AND THE POSSIBLE DESTRUCTION OF THE WORLD
I CARRY MUCH OF THE BURDEN FOR THESE.
BU.. BUT
YOU'RE ONLY THIR-TEEN YEARS OLD....

I HAVE ACCEPTED THIS DESTINY.
SO PLEASE DON'T STOP ME.
SNIFF
.....
.....
IT'S SO.... QUIET....
GRIN
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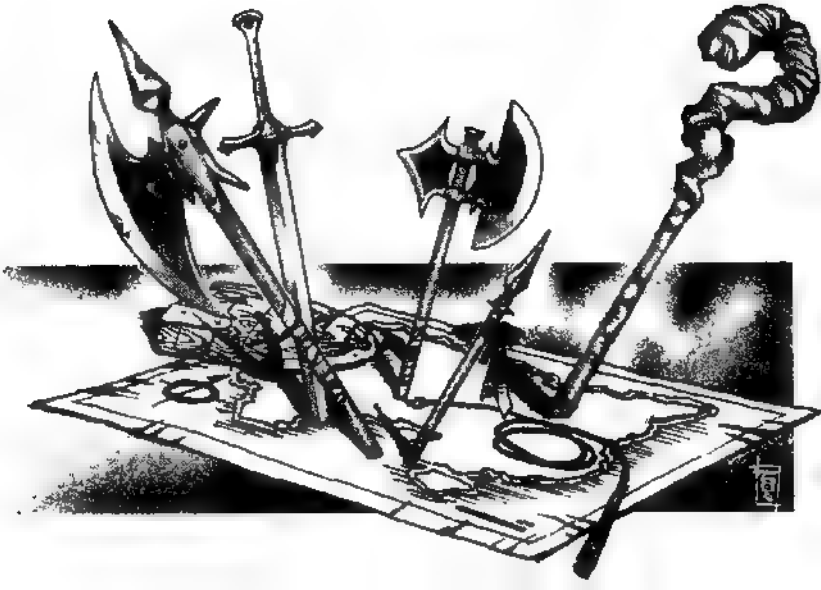

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Things We Must Do To Survive

EPISODE 8

GETTING RID OF ONE DARK ELF IS FINE....
...BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO FIGHT THE REST OF THEM, SPARK!?
ALL WE CAN DO IS ATTACK THEM HEAD ON!!
DO YOU THINK WE CAN DO IT?
?
CAN WE SURVIVE A STRATEGY LIKE THAT?
HMM... ATTACK DISAPPEARING DARK ELVES HEAD ON... IT'S JUST LIKE YOU...
PLEASE LET ME PASS, ALDO NOVA.
IF THE DARK ELVES KNEW HOW SERIOUS THEIR STEALING THE SACRED TREASURE WAS,
THEY WOULD CERTAINLY LISTEN TO MY WORDS.
NO!! I CANNOT PERMIT YOU TO PUT YOURSELF IN DANGER.

CREE
CREE
SIG
BOOM
OH!

SPARK!?
?!
AN ARROW!?
CHILL
CAN WE SURVIVE A STRATEGY LIKE THAT?

I KNOW... WE CAN BACK THEM UP WITH YOUR SORCERY.
...
FROM THIS DISTANCE, MY MAGIC POWER....
YOU'LL BE FINE. HAVE SOME CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF. I'M SURE YOU CAN DO IT!!
NEECE.
Huff
Huff
Huff
SPARK ...
ARE YOU LISTEN-ING!? SPARK!!

I CAN FIGURE OUT WHICH DIRECTION THEY'LL ATTACK FROM BY RECITING AN INCANTATION.
BUT I NEED THE TIME TO CONCENTRATE ON IT.
FLASH
SHOO
ROOOO

GRR...
I HEAR KING KASHU AND THE FREE KNIGHT, PARN, RELY ON NOTHING BUT THEIR SENSES TO FIGHT!!
SHOOM
I RELY ON THIS ONE SWORD...
POUF
FATHER...
... HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN?

I HAVE PARTNERS I CAN COUNT ON.
DON'T WORRY. I HAVE A FEELING I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND.
SPARK....
FATHER GREEVAS, YOU CAN RECITE YOUR INCANTATION NOW.
I'LL COVER YOU.
YES.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, GALLAC? THE DARK ELVES ARE STILL AROUND!!
BE QUIET!!
I'VE GOT TO GET LAINA TO THE PRIEST TO HEAL HER WOUND...
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!!
SHIP
DAMN...

AUGH

NOW THAT I GOTCHA, I'M NOT LETTIN' YOU GO.
SNAP
I'VE FINALLY GOTCHA!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS....
HE'S USING HIMSELF AS A DECOY....

GODDAMMIT!! LAINA IS FADING!!! SHE NEEDS FATHER GREEVAS TO HEAL HER.
UUUU... OUCH...
SPAAAARK... WHERE ARE YOU!?
WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF, IDIOT
...
...
REVEAL TO US THIS ENEMY
WHO MEANS US HARM....

I SEE THEM ...
ONE...
TWO...
THREE...
DAMN!!

SPARK!!
YEAH!?
LOOK OUT!!
EH!?

Touched By A Merciful Heart

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?!
T-THNK
Huff
Huff

PFFH
?
WHAT... WHAT HAP-PENED?
CLANK
?
?

PHEW
FATHER!. WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT?
IT WAS THE SORCERER'S MAGIC WALL.
YOU MEAN ...
WAIT ... LOOK ....
PH
uuh
ALDO NOVA SAVED ME WITH A MAGIC WALL!!

GROOAR
EEK!
GROOAR

BE CARE-FUL, SPARK!!
I'M FINE. YOU SAW WHAT JUST HAP-PENED.
THE NEXT ONE WILL BE DIFFER-ENT!!
EH?
PUNCH
POW

NGGG
TWWN
AH
DONG
AGH...
...

THAT WAS A MAGIC ARROW ...
WHOMEVER IS THE STRONGER SORCERER WILL WIN.
AND A DARK ELF'S POWER SHOULD SURPASS ALDO NOVA'S.
CLANG
!!
Yi'e...

LET'S SPLIT UP
HUH?
THERE ARE ONLY THREE DARK ELVES HERE!!
I'LL GET THE TWO THAT DIS-APPEARED!
YOU GET THE ONE WITH THE BOW AND ARROWS TO THE LEFT OF THAT BOULDER!! I'LL GET THE ONE'S ON THE RIGHT.
GOT IT!!
DAMN
DASH
SHAAAA
SHAAAA

PSHOO
WHERE'D HE GO?
I'M NOT SENSING HIM...
HE MUST'VE ESCAPED!!
HUH!?

GRIN
HO
AAA
UUG

WHA?
I'M STRETCHING MY MAGIC POWER...
...TO THE LIMIT!!
THAT'S NOT TRUE!! TRUST IN YOUR-SELF!!
TRUST IN THE EARTH GODDESS, MARFA.

WAGH
THIS IS BAD.
MARFA, GODDESS OF MERCY ...
...EXTEND YOUR LOFTY HAND....
RELEASE THE SHACKLES ON THIS MAN'S MIND ....
THAT THROUGH HIS POWER HIS WISH HE SHALL FIND.
PFF
PEIN

AMAZING...
RIGHT... SLAYN'S DAUGHTER IS THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF THE HERO NEECE.
SHE IS AN INCARNATION OF MARFA, THE GODDESS OF MERCY AND CREATION.
MARFA'S BLOOD MUST BE FLOWING STRONG-LY IN HER VEINS.

To Be Continued..